

HOUSE BILL 1256

By Casada

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,  
relative to the catastrophic trauma fund.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 9, Part 3, is amended by  
adding a new section thereto, as follows:

55-9-309.

(a) There may be created in the state treasury a fund to be known as the  
“catastrophic trauma fund.” Moneys in the fund shall not revert to the general fund of the  
state but shall remain available to be used by the division of vocational rehabilitation in  
the department of human services exclusively for the purpose specified in subsection  
(b).

(b) The purpose of the catastrophic trauma fund is to provide financial assistance  
unavailable through any other source to residents of this state who, as a result of a  
motorcycle-related injury, require such assistance. Moneys in the fund shall be utilized to  
provide services needed to assist persons suffering from motorcycle-related injuries  
including, but not limited to, day care services, available physical therapy, and any other  
appropriate developmental programs.

(c) Only federal funds without a state matching fund requirement shall be allotted  
to the catastrophic trauma fund.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring  
it.